

Adam Miller House
Powerville, Morris County, New Jersey

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Owner: Mr. T. F. Garrison

Date of Erection: 1767

Architect:

Builder: Adam M. Miller

Present Condition: Good; a lean-to addition has been
added; the interior hardly changed

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - the first
and second floors stone,
except the west end of the
building which is siding;
the east gable, shingles

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

On the south elevation of this house is
found the inscription "A.M.M. 1767". It is generally
believed that it was erected by Adam M. Miller. The
present owner, who is a lawyer, has made a search of
the record of deeds and found that this property was

purchased by Miller before that year, so that it is reasonable to assume that Miller was the builder.

This house has the distinction of being the first poor house in Morris County. In 1824 Hanover Township invited Pequannock Township to join with it in purchasing a farm and erecting a poor house. Pequannock Township declined to accept the invitation and authorized their committee to purchase a farm. That same year the committee bought a farm belonging to the estate of William Alger; on this farm was the house built by Adam Miller. The paupers were removed there and remained there for thirteen years; after that the county poor farm was established.

Bibliography:

Information from the present owner

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